### FORMER LOCAL GIRL GETS DIVORCE IN ST. LOUIS

Mrs Elizabeth Holladay Neidringhaus of St. Louis, daughter of Mrs. Mary S. Holladay of Fredericktown the fate Hiram N. Hollodoy, wealthy lumberman of Wayne countv last week obtained a divorce from Frederick E. Neidringhaus on charges that he treated her with indignities and humiliated her. He is president of the Furnace Oil Corporation of St. Louis and a the most historic. It was well known son of former Congressman Henry Neldringhaus. . . The divorce was granted in Circuit Court in St. Lou-

She was granted custody of her three children. Mary Ellen, 13; Menry 11, and Holladay 9.

Neidringhaus entered a general denial but did not contest. Judge Taylor took the questioning of Mrs. Neidringhaus out of the hands of her attorney, and asked her for specific instances of her allegations of general indignities. She told him she did not like to testify with reporters present. ,The judge replied the law permitted them in the courtroom

She said her husband humiliated her on numerous occasions especially when they played bridge. "He told me I played an inferior game" she asserted. "And that he couldn't understand it when I played with good players like himself all the time.

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Floyd C. Shoemaker, Secretary of Missouri Historical Society Reviews Madison County's Oldest Settlement

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The anniversary of that raid by the Osage Indians, one hundred fifty nine years ago, recurrs this week The historian, Houck, said it was the bloodiest Indian massacre in the history of the Spanish rule over what is now Missouri, and it was indirectly responsible for the only serious interruption of continuous lead mining at Mine La Motte from 1723 until 1931, when the mine was closed after being operated for well over 200 years Seven men were killed in the Mine La Motte attack Five of the victims were of French origin, one was an Englishman, and one a Negro. Old church records at Ste: Genevieve show that in 1778 after the Indian troubles had subsided, the victims of this massacre were re-interred in the Catholic cemetery there.

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In July, 1719, Mine La Motte was again worked, this time by Sieur Marc Antoine de la Loire des Ur-This man mined in the shaft sins. made by La Motte Cadillac, and sank two other shafts nearby. Then is 1723 Renault was granted mining lands including Mine La Motte and he carried on extensive operations until he left for France in 1742. From 1723 until modern times, Mine La Motte was operated continuously, with an interruption in 1774 and 1775 due to the Indian outbreak.

Even in the 19th Century when the United States had become the owner of the country, mining conditions were crude, but the Missouri mines remained vastly important. Major Amos Stoddard, early American official, wrote that the mineral was smelted by throwing it on heaps of burning logs. He said the lead of this region was used by numerous Indian tribes, by settlers of the Ohio and Mississippi Valley and it also found its was to New Orleans. Pittsburgh, the Atlantic coast, and even to Europe.

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The recent trial of the matter in St. Louis, before Judge Faris of the Federal Court, is understood to have been an exceedingly expensive thing. and Wayne county's financial condition will not warrant any ususual expense.

The following account of the court's action is from last week's Greenville Sun:

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Rev. P. M. Robbins of Bessville, delivered the sermons here Saturday night and Sunday.

Byron Hovis of Big Creek and Miss Elsie Barrett of this place were married Saturday morning at the home of the brides parents, by Rev. Estell Mouser. We wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

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The State Legislature is expected to adjourn Saturday of this week and it is doubtful if action will be taken on the application for appropriation before the close of the General Assembly, though the taxpayers would desire such action in the relief of this county in this matter.

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